

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 539

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Estella Mayhue-Greer on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Estella Mayhue-Greer is one such estimable individual, who has served with distinction for eight years as president and chief executive officer of Mid-South Food Bank; she will take her much-deserved retirement from this position on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mayhue-Greer first joined Mid-South Food Bank in 1996 as agency relations director; she has served the organization as president and CEO since 2011, during which time she has overseen tremendous growth and ushered in an exciting new era in the organization's history; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at the helm of Mid-South Food Bank, Estella Mayhue-Greer headed a \$12.5 million capital campaign, which was begun in 2015 and recently surpassed the fundraising goal; and

WHEREAS, she also led the effort to consolidate two buildings into the new Mid-South Food Bank facility, providing the organization with a space large enough to accommodate all operations and administration, with room for growth; construction is currently underway to retrofit a South Perkins building for Mid-South Food Bank's new home, which is expected to open in June; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Mayhue's astute and devoted leadership, Mid-South Food Bank has reached new heights in its efforts to serve those in need; in 2018 alone, the food bank distributed more than thirteen million pounds of nutritious food to more than 220,000 people through three basic initiatives targeting children, families, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mayhue-Greer exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, she has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and a grateful public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Estella Mayhue-Greer our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.